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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff

SUBJECT: Daily Summary of World Events.

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Director of Central Intelligence from
Chief of Naval Intelligence, dated 15 May 1947, Same
Subject as Above.

1. The following comments are offered on the above reference:

a. The need for such a Summary on an inter-agency basis should be established prior to any commitments.

b. At the present time, the State Department is the only other IAB agency producing subject Summaries. It produces two pertinent dailies, one a summary of newspaper comments and the other a summary on a secret level, based on cables. The treatment of the latter summary is aimed at relating the intelligence to the Department's policies and as such is typical of production that should be done by the agency concerned.

c. The special needs for this type of intelligence would appear to be better served by the agency concerned in its own shop.

d. The production of a Daily Summary to meet the needs of all agencies would require participation by the agencies concerned since each agency's special interests would have to be taken care of by agency specialists.

e. As stated in the reference, the preparation of the proposed Summary would require much time and effort of analysts and others. A great deal of the work would have to be done between midnight and 0800 hours, which would present an additional personnel problem. It would require the use of trained analysts who would have to be detailed from the branches of ORR and from the participating agencies. An additional T/O would have to be provided since this type of work would fit into the existing program only in part.

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2. In answer to the questions raised in paragraph 4 of the reference, the views of this Office are as follows:

a. Assuming a requirement for a Daily Summary of World Events based on all sources and requiring interpretation on an inter-agency basis, its preparation would be a proper function of CIG (ORE).

b. (1) ORE could undertake to provide such a summary providing agency personnel were furnished to take care of specific agency interests as opposed to those subjects of general interest to all concerned.

(2) This function could not be initiated until provision had been made for receiving press dispatches by teletype and until appropriate personnel had been authorized and obtained. A minimum time lag of three months after assignment of this function would appear to be reasonable before production could be started.

3. This Office recommends that:

a. The requirement for the subject Summary on an inter-agency basis be established firmly prior to any acceptance of the proposed function by CIG.

b. Provided CIG does assume the proposed function:

(1) Arrangements be made to obtain the services of appropriate agency personnel to meet the special needs of the agencies concerned.

(2) The T/O of ORE be revised as required.

(3) The date this function is accepted be governed by availability of personnel and facilities.

4. The foregoing comments have been made from the point of view of ORE interest and possible involvement in the suggestion advanced by the Chief of Naval Intelligence. The matter, however, is one that concerns major intelligence policy. The views expressed below are those of the signer of this memorandum regarding this latter aspect and, as such, are offered for consideration.

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g. A study of the memorandum of the Chief of Naval Intelligence indicates that what is actually proposed is that CIG undertake to relieve the Office of Naval Intelligence of the preparation of a daily news roundup presumably now prepared to meet the special needs of the Navy Department. Factors supporting this conclusion are:

- (1) The deadline time of 0800 for submission of the news digest to fit in with Navy Department working schedule.
- (2) The statement that much time and effort of analysts is required on a subject mostly political whereas no mention is made of the State Department Daily Summaries.
- (3) It logically follows from (2) above that the State Department Daily Summaries are not suitable for distribution in the Navy Department. Therefore, a careful selection of political items to fit the special needs of the Navy Department is made by the Division of Naval Intelligence.

h. In summary the Chief of Naval Intelligence proposes that the CIG undertake to produce a daily news digest to meet the particular departmental intelligence needs of the State Department, Navy Department and War Department. Entirely apart from the propriety of CIG engaging in any such activity, it seems doubtful that any one publication can be produced which will satisfactorily meet the diverse departmental intelligence needs of the IAB Agencies.

- g. (1) I do not believe that CIG should, or under its present directive is authorized to, engage in departmental intelligence.
- (2) I believe that the suggestion of the Chief of Naval Intelligence before adoption would require NIA approval. If adopted, a fundamental revision of the mission, organizational structure, and table of organization of ORE and probably other offices of CIG would be required.
- (3) It seems to me that the letter of the Chief of Naval Intelligence indicates that he is having difficulty in meeting his responsibilities for the production of departmental intelligence. On this point the Director

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of CIG might well be concerned in as much as he has over all cognizance of the adequacy of the general intelligence effort of the government. An inquiry addressed to the Secretary of the Navy requesting his views as to whether or not the Naval Intelligence Service is capable of adequately meeting the Navy's needs in this field would seem to be indicated.



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